

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 841

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Union Planters Corporation, Blount County Corporate Citizen of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable institutions that have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, the good people of Union Planters Corporation comprise one such institution and evince the greatest integrity and probity in all their chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the Union Planters Corporation was recently honored as Blount County Corporate Citizen of the Year, an honor most befitting its invaluable service to the community; and

WHEREAS, with offices in Tennessee and eleven other states, Union Planters Corporation is the largest bank-holding company based in Tennessee, and it has brought substantial honor to this state; and

WHEREAS, as a full-service financial institution serving consumers and businesses large and small, Union Planters Bank works with a laudable philosophy of offering the capabilities of a large bank in a community bank setting; and

WHEREAS, Union Planters Bank has operated offices in Blount County for several years; in addition to providing the best in financial services, the corporation has made numerous invaluable contributions to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Bank has substantially supported many service organizations such as the Senior Citizens Home Assistance Service, the United Way of Blount County, Leadership Blount, and the Blount County Habitat for Humanity, and is a major scholarship provider for Maryville College; and

WHEREAS, having recently placed a large focus on support of youth education, Union Planters Bank takes part in such programs as the Chamber of Commerce Adopt-A-School Program and with Middlesettlements School in Louisville as its partner; the Bank is regularly involved in the Maryville City and Blount County Schools with hands-on assistance, providing in-class financial education to students and teaching such skills as saving money, managing a bank account, and avoiding debt; and

WHEREAS, under the astute leadership of Regional CEO Charles Robinette, Union Planters Corporation's management encourages all of its employees to be involved personally in their communities; for the people of Union Planters, community involvement is simply good citizenship as much as it is good business; and

WHEREAS, since beginning operations in Tennessee, Union Planters Corporation has distinguished itself as a public-spirited corporate citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the Blount County community; and

WHEREAS, Union Planters Corporation's remarkable success is directly attributable to the employees' reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and the uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, the people of Union Planters Bank are extremely giving people who often reach out with compassion to others whom life has treated unkindly, and they epitomize the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated community servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, the good people of Union Planters Corporation are wholly committed to the noble precepts that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and they should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend the people of Union Planters Corporation for their honorable and astute service to the citizens of Tennessee, and join in celebrating the Bank's selection as Blount County Corporate Citizen of the Year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish them much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.